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Foreword

Now that the world is divided in two polarized socioeconomic systems, Ukrainian bourgeois nationalist organizations are used as an additional link in the chain of subversive imperialist centers whose activities are geared to fan the flames of anti-Sovietism, war and racist hysteria. In particular, the Ukrainian nationalist groupings in the West conduct a frenzied propaganda campaign against the Ukrainian people, its chosen social and State order — the Soviet Ukraine.

This booklet is about the so-called Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) — one of the nationalist puppet associations in the service of special ideological and intelligence agencies of American imperialism.

The reader is referred to facts and other evidence, borrowed from UCCA and similar nationalist periodicals, to the effect that UCCA — this reactionary emigre conglomerate — is at odds not only with the Soviet Union, but also with the ordinary American working people, particularly with those of Ukrainian descent, and with democracy and humanism in general.

Docile servants of U.S. subversive centers, the OUN-minded UCCA chiefs are always ready to stab Americans in the back as well — especially those advocating peace and democratic freedoms.

Once a traitor, always a traitor. This old truth was well known to the secret services of Kaiser Germany and bourgeois Poland. Nor was it ever ignored by the Nazis whose intelligence and subversive services controlled the gangs of Ukrainian nationalist "liberators" during WWII and were qualified as criminal during the Trials at Nuremberg. Thus, the Nazis used every occasion to stress the servile role of the Ukrainian nationalist collaborators and never treated them as their equals. By and large, they entrusted the traitors with staging subversive acts, spying out families of Soviet partisans and carrying out police and punitive missions in the course of which they slaughtered civilians.

To the nationalists, the Ukrainian land was and remains alien and hateful, for it was there they perpetrated their many heinous crimes. But so is the American soil, it appears. As for the assurances of the UCCA leaders about their "American patriotism" (as well as about "Ukrainian patriotism," for that matter), they are sheer hypocrisy. Or maybe it is some new way of expressing one's national feelings? The magazine *Samostiina Ukraina* (Independent Ukraine), for example, refers to the Americans as "hungry, insatiable wolves wanting to devour us (i.e., the nationalists — **Ye. Sh.**)."

UCCA's war criminals and jailbirds, former Nazi collaborators, and their younger followers are used by certain American circles for their own dirty ends, to the detriment of both the Soviet and the American people, peace and international cooperation.

From Berlin to Washington

In September of 1969, the nationalist *Svoboda* (Jersey City) wrote that the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America is the successor of several organizations, in particular the notorious United Ukrainian Organizations in the USA which, from 1922 until 1940, discharged the same functions as UCCA.

It could be added that UCCA is made up of basically the same people as the Organizations, and that both UCCA and its forerunner are inherently pro-Nazi associations.

It is generally known that, after the Nazis had come to power in Germany, the American ultras decided to follow in their footsteps and started preparations for a Nazi coup in the United States. One of the first attempts was disclosed by the House Committee on un-American Activities. The latter, in part, established that Major General S. Butler of the Marine Corps had been proposed to assume command of all the secret American Nazi miiltary units that were to do the *putsch.* With all the insolence and opportunism of its organizers, one thing is beyond doubt: the preparation of the coup was quite serious.*

* For details, look up Butler's testimony before the House of Representatives commission for investigating into Nazi propaganda (November, 1934).

As was to be expected, the Ukrainian nationalists were included in the Nazi organizations in America in the 1930s. One of the missions the U.S. reactionary leaders assigned them was to struggle against the trade union and workers' movement. Apart from "innocent" get-togethers, the American Nazis terrorized the country's progressive forces. In Detroit, for instance, they, together with nationalists, blew up the building of the Ukrainian Cultural-Educational Society. In December of 1933, they killed George Marchuk, secretary of the United Auto Workers trade union branch in Lincoln Park, Mich. The bullet-riddled body of John Bilyak, another union figure, was found in Monroe, Mich., on March 15, 1934.

Close to 700 Nazi groups operated in the United States in 1939, according to the noted publicist A. Kahn. In his book *High Treason. The Plot Against the People* (New York, 1950), he mentions ODVU — the Organization for the Rebirth of the Ukraine — among the pro-Nazi associations of America of 1930-40. ODVU's leaders subsequently took key positions in first the United Ukrainian Organizations and then in the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America.

A. Kahn stresses that the pro-Nazi organizations in the USA operated under the guidance of Nazi intelligence (and with the connivance of the American reactionary circles, it could be added), fulfilled its assignments and flooded the country with their publications. This literature contained malignant attacks on democracy and the workers' movement and openly encouraged racial discord. On top of all that, they ranted

and raved about the "liberal" course of the Roosevelt administration, claiming that its policy wasn't sufficiently "aggressive" and calling for a "firmer" regime in the United States, after the Nazi standard. Among the tasks of that fifth column in America, A. Kahn points out efforts to frustrate U.S. defense preparations and isolate the country from its anti-Nazi allies abroad.

There are many other facts corroborating the direct involvement of the Ukrainian nationalists in un-American endeavors. In 1933, they sponsored the creation of a radio-telegraph and a flying school in the United States where Nazi intelligence officers taught young Ukrainian Americans their clandestine techniques. Needless to say, the founders of these spy training centers didn't give a care about American interests. With money from the Third Reich, these schools purchased aircraft and other military equipment. A characteristic detail; all this took place during a severe economic crisis in the West. The chief instructor of the flying school was Berton Hilligan who acted on orders from the *Bund* Nazi espionage "German American Union" and the *Abwehr* intelligence service of Nazi Germany. Thousands of *Bund* stormtroopers wearing brown shirts, swastika armbands and brandishing rubber sticks marched American streets, showing off their Prussian goose step and yelling *Heil Hitler!*

It was also with money from the Third Reich that Senyk-Hrybivsky, OUN member and Nazi agent in America, organized several pro-Nazi communities and semi-military camps for training spies, saboteurs and even whole military

detachments. It should be stressed again that all this was done in the United States, but by no means in the interests of the American people.

One of the nationalists against whom action was brought at that period confessed in court that he and his colleagues had taken aerial pictures of U.S. aircraft plants and other industrial targets, airfields and bridges in different American cities.

A. Kahn notes that a numerically strong fifth column of the Axis sympathizers (the Axis included Germany, Italy and Japan) emerged in the Ukrainian nationalist community in the U.S. The Ukrainian nationalist propaganda campaign in the American press was sponsored by Edward F. Sullivan, a journalist of Boston who turned out to be a criminal spying on workers.

What is simply hard to believe, however, is that when the Congress formed another commission on un-American activities in the summer of 1938 the said Sullivan was made its chief investigator!

The only possible conclusion from the above is that the American Nazi organizations were secretly backed by influential anticommunist circles. The latter also pulled the strings from which dangled the puppet known as the United Ukrainian Organizations. Last but not least, the secret service of Nazi Germany was also backstage of this show.

Under the circumstances, the nationalists were growingly insolent. In one of its reports published by *Svoboda* on November 8, 1935, the United Ukrainian Organizations boasted;

"During last year's session, considerable attention was given to combat training, the military science, the organization of flying schools and the creation of one, central leadership to coordinate the efforts of military-athletic and gymnastic organizations in America... It was for this reason that we asked General Kapustiansky (a Nazi German emissary — **Ye. Sh.**) to make a report on the subject."

Incidentally, it is an established fact that the resolutions passed by the Organizations were drawn up in Berlin in the German language. Some American association it was!

Pressed by public indignation over the un-American activity of the nationalist groupings and their ill-disguised contacts with the Nazis, U.S. authorities had to disband the United Ukrainian Organizations. But the nationalists, instructed by Berlin and supported by anticommunist elements in America, gathered for a congress in Washington one year prior to the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. The main purpose of this gathering was to restore the Organizations behind a different front. Subsequent events showed that the nationalists hadn't even dreamed of changing their pro-Nazi orientation and remained faithful agents of the aggressors.

Facade Changed; What Next?

On May, 1940, the nationalist gathering in Washington announced the creation of UCCA — the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America.

It was prompted by the Nazi *Drang nach Osten.* "The beginning of UCCA was the period of the Second World War... when the demands of the time and the conjuncture seemed special for the Ukraine," wrote *Svoboda.* Life shows, however, that the Committee founders did not give a single thought to the interests of the American or the Ukrainian people but were determined to serve the Nazis, just like their counterparts in Europe. The appeal of the first UCCA congress confirms this, although in a somewhat veiled manner.

In fact, every step the UCCA upper echelons took at that period was directed against nations which had risen in arms against the Nazis. Such activities answered the expectations of American reactionaries, even though the nationalists also acted counter to the interests of the American people. In the spring of 1979, *Samostiina Ukraina* — the magazine of the Melnyk nationalist faction — wrote that, while the USA was already at war with Nazi Germany, the UCCA nationalists lived with the fear that they would be drafted into the American army as U.S. citizens. "They hoped that, since Warsaw had already fallen, the same would happen to Moscow."

The Nazis, drunken with easy victories, felt they were complete masters in occupied Europe when the letter "V" began to appear on the walls of Belgian houses, drawn by patriots who thus expressed their belief in ultimate victory and showed the invaders that the resistance movement was alive. This led to the appearance of a separate file entitled *Case "V"* which was dealt with personally by Goebbels.

In the meantime, after the Nazis had seized Belgium, *Svoboda* prophesied; "After cities and factories have disappeared, along with half the population of Europe, people will have an opportunity to build new cities and new factories. And above all, they will no longer live cooped up for want of territory and *Lebensraum!* Now, with the help of bullets, gas and epidemics, she (Europe — **Ye. Sh.**) will reduce her population. Also with the aid of explosives the problem of unemployment will be resolved..."

The nationalists still speak positively of their service for the Nazis. Thus, M. Prokop, one of the nationalist elite in the USA, continues to boast that "the Ukrainian (i.e., nationalist — **Ye. Sh.**) political thought in the period between the wars was concentrated in the then anti-Versailles camp, particularly in the power that headed that camp — Germany." The OUN author cynically and shamelessly discloses the hatred of the nationalist "liberators" toward any form of democracy, including the bourgeois version. Accordingly, he stresses their adherence to the totalitarian regimes of Hitler and Mussolini which the nationalists found "strikingly effective" (perhaps because of the number of people the Nazis and Italian fascists had slaughtered). Life itself, continues Prokop, "prompted that we follow the antidemocratic German example."

At present, America numbers some 1,000 right extremist organizations and groups. The country's reactionary circles actively used and continue to use the Ukrainian nationalists — among them veterans of Nazi combat formations — to pour oil on the fire of anti-Soviet hysteria.

UCCA rulers maintain close contacts with the ill-famed John Birch Society, set up in 1958 as the coordinating center of the right extremist groups in response to the condemnation by the Senate of the witchhunter Joseph McCarthy. UCCA President Leo Dobriansky is among the Society's key functionaries.

This sinister racist-nationalist alliance has a long history. It suffices to remind oneself that nationalists marched shoulder to shoulder with Birchers on Washington streets on April 5, 1970, carrying slogans urging destruction for Vietnam and an immediate crusade against communism. The UCCA higher-ups, wrote the progressive *Ukrainian American* (New York) at that time, returned home glad to have their new "allies" from whom even the prejudiced American public had recoiled.

UCCA has never voiced an opinion of its own. Its footing depends on the alignment of political forces within the United States. The more reactionary the politicians in power, consider the UCCA chiefs, the better the conjuncture for them. This is exactly why the nationalist elite waits hand and foot on all kinds of political hawks, tearfully recalls McCarthyism, supports any steps meant to worsen the world political climate and counts on the realization of its maniacal plans in the course of deepening international tensions.

Ukrainians by Profession

Former OUN member Yu. Stefyuk, who had broken with his past after he had realized all the reactionary, misanthropic essence of the nationalists, wrote; "I could have crossed the ocean and remained in America. But what would have I found there? Again cooperation with U.S. intelligence. That this is so, we had been told more or less in detail by Yurko Lopatynsky,* also some of my friends of that period had written about it from America.

"U.S. intelligence was well aware that many of the Ukrainians had chosen themselves different names before travelling to America, but it placed no obstacles in their way. Only at the Consulate each Ukrainian was sworn in. When these arrived in America, they were told that either they cooperate with U.S. intelligence or serve a five-year prison term, allegedly for perjury — it wasn't difficult to prove that this or other emigre had come under a false identity."

Onetime Nazi agents, the nationalists were employed by the CIA and the FBI. The only qualification each applicant had to meet was his outspoken anticommunist stand.

American justice, which meted out severe punishments to those U.S. citizens whose persuasions failed to answer the set bourgeois standards, practically never applied to the Ukrainian Nazis who had been with the Third

* OUN member, Nazi and, subsequently, U.S. secret agent.

Reich during WWII, when several hundred thousand Americans had also been killed. It is also silent whenever the case involves those guilty of many horrible crimes against Ukrainians, Jews, Byelorussians and Russians during Nazi occupation, who tortured and butchered women and children.

Thousands of SS men from the Division "Halychyna" *(Waffen SS Division Galizien)* were able to move to live in the United States with the help of the so-called United Ukrainian American Relief Committee, set up in 1944 under the auspices of UCCA. This migration ran counter to the American legislation but, of course, took place with the permission of influential U.S. reactionaries. Eventually, these emigres were granted American citizenship and found themselves free to enter various businesses, using the valuables they had extracted from the civilian population during the war. This was exactly how SS man Roman Drazhniovsky found his way to America, too.

Quite a number of former Nazi hangmen are still scot-free, hiding in the United States. S. Kowalchuk is one of them. Currently a resident of Philadelphia, he is guilty of many crimes against people in Lyuboml (Volyn Region).

And all the many other professional killers and pogrom experts who have found sanctuary on American soil! How dare they prate about "violations" of human rights in the Ukraine in reactionary emigre periodicals or before the mikes of *Radio Liberty, Radio Free Europe* and the *Voice of America?*

The gaping wounds of the devastating war had just begun to heal when the fourth UCCA

congress (1949) saw representatives of the so-called new emigration — in reality, recent Nazi lackeys. That time, the most faithful adherents of Nazism joined the UCCA upper echelons, among them R. Smal-Stotsky, V. Mudryi and others. Leo Dobriansky, then a young U.S. intelligence officer, was ordered to coordinate and control their activity.

The placement of the OUN hard-liners, former servants of the bloody Nazi regime, under American control looked very much like a smartly struck bargain. The buyers were officers of the U.S. secret service and the goods — and sellers with whom they haggled — were Ukrainian Nazi war criminals who sought shelter in America. The following is, perhaps, a typical example. Sometime after the war, Captain Bill of U.S. counterintelligence met with M. Klymyshyn, an OUN functionary, now a spectacular figure in the UCCA hierarchy. The two came to an agreement, on "mutually advantageous" terms, whereby the OUN racket would gather intelligence concerning Ukrainians in DP camps who wished to return to the Ukraine and hand the data over to U.S. counterintelligence. It was further agreed that such persons would be questioned by counterintelligence officers who would then let them go. In the meantime, the OUN mafiosi would be alerted who would follow these Ukrainians and either liquidate them or "persuade" them, on pain of death, to forget about their Motherland.

In return for this service, the Ukrainian Nazis were not only allowed to emigrate to the USA but were eventually granted American citizenship. Was this not an outrage upon the memory

of all the GIs fallen in battles against the Nazis?

The role of stoolies of the U.S. secret service is regarded by the Ukrainian nationalists as a rather noble duty. They have always prided themselves on the fact that "intelligence... looks at the emigrants as only a subversive factor to be used against... the USSR." *(Ukrainske Zhyttia,* February 1, 1978.) "First, they gained favor with the Polish secret police, then collaborated with different higher-ups of the *Abwehr* and other Nazi special services, and in the end found new patrons in the 'free world,'" wrote that same newspaper on October 1, 1978.

In order to keep UCCA under control and to guide its efforts in a direction that best suited American imperialism, representatives of U.S. intelligence were included in the Committee. These were officers of that same secret service which had once used the services of Ukrainian Nazi collaborators. The career military intelligence officer Leo Dobriansky became UCCA President in 1949. Currently, he is Colonel of the Reserve. Since 1949, Dobriansky has been "reelected" nine times running, including the latest, thirteenth, UCCA congress.

His photos often appear in Ukrainian nationalist periodicals in the USA. He is stocky, not exactly in an American way, and stooping. His eyes are hidden behind thick glasses and an insincere smile touches his lips on a wrinkled face that looks older than his age. Such is Leo Dobriansky, one of the hacks of Senator Goldwater. He is the chairman of a number of some petty committees and groups, an active lobbyist of the Ukrainian bourgeois nationalists, well in

with some congressmen who use him for provocative acts aimed at worsening U.S.-Soviet relationships.

He has dedicated his entire life to the propaganda of racism and hostility between peoples. Most of his speeches and writings are permeated with malicious anticommunist and anti-Soviet ideas, with a class hatred of socialism, with pathological racism and open war propaganda. Dobriansky's views along these lines are, probably, best illustrated by his conviction that the "biggest mistake" of the White House was its "stopping the cold war." Often, while using "peaceful" phraseology ("...we all want peace, but what happened to justice and freedom?"), Dobriansky makes no secret of the fact that a Soviet-American confrontation and war are his main goal in life.

He chooses his "idols" in accordance with his political views. A year never passes without Dobriansky paying a visit to the rulers of South Korea or getting in touch with some puppet president or premier. In November of 1977, the Nicaraguan dictator Somoza sent his ambassador to Washington and Dobriansky hastened to put in an appearance at his quarters to express best compliments. He did the same when the United States was visited by Ian Smith, the former racist Premier of Rhodesia. Of all things, the pair discussed the problem of human rights the way it stood everywhere — except, of course, the States and Rhodesia! *The Ukrainian Weekly* wrote on May 4, 1980, that he is also a familiar sight during receptions at the South African Embassy.

However, Colonel of the Reserve Leo Dobrian-

sky has a hobby which isn't too widely known among the emigres. He rarely denies himself the pleasure of coming to the sudden rescue of a war criminal or some con. It was under his personal control that the UCCA elite set up what became known as the "fund for the protection of the good Ukrainian name."

In that particular case Dobriansky surpassed himself indeed, for can this "protection" of the "good name" of former thugs of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA), the surviving SS men of the Division "Halychyna" or professional hangmen from the battalions *Nachtigall* and *Roland* be regarded other than the basest of cynicism and insolence? Of course, what the fund organizers are after is not protecting someone's "good name" but saving their own skin. They want to save from just retribution former *Abwehr* and *Gestapo* agents, policemen and village elders who helped the Nazis enforce their "new order" in the Ukraine. Personally, Dobriansky would consider it a great disaster if any of his fellow Nazi collaborators like R. Drazhniovsky, I. Bazarko or I. Bilynsky found themselves in the dock.

Like any other man, the UCCA President is to be characterized not only by things which he likes or hates, but also by those which he views with complete indifference. The fact is that Leo Dobriansky doesn't care one bit about the Ukrainian language, culture or folk traditions. Thus, a Ukrainian American nationalist periodical wrote; "What a shame that the professor himself **has not wanted** to learn Ukrainian in the quarter of a century of his presidency, and that all those reelecting him have always back-

ed up his neglect of this language." (Boldface is mine — **Ye. Sh.**)

Leo Dobriansky has been UCCA President for thirty years and he still doesn't know Ukrainian. It was generally expected that he would at least honor the Third World Congress of Free Ukrainians by having his address translated into this difficult language and learning it by heart. He did no such thing. What was more, the nationalist newspaper *Narodna Volya* made a big laugh of itself, though inadvertently, when it wrote later that Leo Dobriansky "caused his permanent critics to feel somewhat embarrassed when he began and ended his speech in Ukrainian, having succeeded in outlining the tasks of the Ukrainian emigration in English (sic)."

This excerpt makes it easy to understand what that "Ukrainian" address of Dobriansky was really like. As to *Narodna Volya's* comment, it ought to have ended with cheers for that "Ukrainian" speaker who, made one by profession and on instructions from his clandestine superiors, most likely against his will, had managed a couple of phrases in what was supposed to be his mother tongue. And this at the age of 61! Quite a sensation, it was.

The UCCA President, this protege of the U.S. special service, is fond of stressing his "loyalty" to and even "love" for America and her people. He does that with special ardor when talking with influential Americans, especially with D. Graham, "former chief of military intelligence," and with a score of onetime CIA and Congress bigshots and political hawks. But let's see what some of the colleagues of this pseudopatriot have to say about his "love" for America.

Quite competently, the bulletin *Our Voice* wrote; "L. Dobriansky looks like a servant who faithfully waits on his master upon whom he depends for his living. But once his master falls under the blows of his adversary, this servant will lend an eager hand to the pallbearers." Quite an appealing reference for a "true patriot," isn't it? In fact, it seems generally peculiar to Ukrainian nationalism.

Leo Dobriansky is by no means the only "Ukrainian by profession" within the UCCA network. The Committee considers that one of the best references for each contender vying for a leading post therein is his record of affiliation to the secret service. It was no coincidence that *Svoboda* addressed an urgent appeal to the U.S. administration on February 20, 1980, calling for the biggest possible freedom of action for American intelligence.

Were any of these claimants to the UCCA key posts asked, before actual promotion, what the Ukraine is all about and what they have to do with her, their answers would more than likely have been long in coming. But an order isn't to be questioned. There Ukrainian nationalists shout about "violations" of human rights and "persecution" in the Ukraine where they have never set foot and which is so remote and totally strange to them.

Julian Kuljas, Lieutenant Colonel of the Reserve, U.S. Army, on payroll of the military intelligence service, was for a number of years first and then second in command of the UCCA branch in Chicago. As an ambitious intelligence officer and businessman, he appears to be concerned about "general Ukrainian matters,"

but only along the general lines of what the military know as psychological warfare, waged against the Soviet Union by the imperialist propaganda apparatus. *Notatnyk,* another nationalist bulletin, obviously had characters like Kuljas in mind when it let it slip that promotions to key posts in the reactionary emigre centers in the USA were open to those marked by"faithful service for the intelligence bodies."

It is also generally known that William Rybak, Lieutenant Colonel of the Reserve, U.S. Army, was assigned as chairman of the UCCA branch in Washington when it was set up in 1963.

Really striking paradoxes sometimes occur where the sympathies of leaders of reactionary emigre centers toward the U.S. brass hats are concerned. Thus, U.S. General of the Army Samuel Yaskilka (currently retired) has of late become quite popular with the Ukrainian nationalists. In January of 1978, he was accorded a solemn reception by veterans of the Division "Halychyna" in Detroit. Accompanied by them, the retired general put in an appearance at a UCCA-sponsored gathering. As a sign of gratitude, the reactionary media gave him a write-up as though he were a movie star, carrying his photos and highlighting his Ukrainian origin. Did S. Yaskilka, a WWII veteran, know at the time that his Detroit hosts were former SS men?

As a matter of fact, U.S. intelligence runs a small branch in Washington, known as the UCCA Ukrainian Information Service, which spreads slander about the Soviet Union. According to *Notatnyk,* the Service staff consists, for the most part, of "secret agents of non-Uk-

rainian intelligence and police agencies. This makes it rather confusing and suspicious. There has been the information, for example, that the Service employees work without pay... Where have all these patriots — most of them relatively young people, raised in the conditions of American wage-earning materialism — come from? Everyone knows that those organizations where one works without pay can hardly make ends meet, so that now one can scarcely find such 'non-profit' projects."*

The first to head the Ukrainian Information Service was Bohdan Wynnyczok. Another "Ukrainian by profession," he had had never anything to do with the Ukraine or Ukrainian emigration. A career officer, graduate of several prestigious U.S. army training institutions, veteran of the war in Vietnam, later appointed as Vietnam specialist for the Department of the Army and plans officer with the Army Staff group specializing in Greek and Turkish affairs relating to the NATO, he must have been chosen as head of the Service because of his Slavic parentage. Had it been some "Italian Information Service," he would have assumed command with as prompt confidence, for orders issued in the army are not be questioned.

Extremists

Hundreds and thousands of young Americans died in Vietnam as ever new contingents were shipped off to the besieged country. The United

* Vide *Ukrainski Visti* (published in the FRG) of 18 June, 1978.

States itself was the scene of alarming events in the meantime. Demonstrations for an immediate stop to the war in Vietnam were held on an increasing scope and the number of draft dodgers was rising. People refused to die a senseless death in the jungle. Antiwar demonstrators chanted in front of the White House, asking LBJ how many more Vietnamese kids he had put out of the way.

The U.S. higher-ups responded by stepping up persecution of the progressive forces and took urgent steps to modify repressive legislation. As always, the Ukrainian nationalists weren't long in lending the hard liners and neo-Nazis an eager helping hand, doing their best to help continue the aggression in Vietnam until its "victorious end."

"All these and other antiwar demonstrations in America are grist for the communist mill," the UCCA functionaries declared at that period. Late in 1968, when the war in Vietnam was going full blast, Leo Dobriansky made a trip to Saigon to seek an audience from the dictator Nguyen Van Thieu. The UCCA President attended a conference held at the dictator's quarters in a hotel tightly surrounded by troops. The key point on the agenda was how to combat the people's struggle which had grown into a full-size war.

The U.S. reactionary strata and their henchmen, the Ukrainian nationalists, used the defeat in Vietnam to enhance their campaign against the forces of international peace and detente. They demanded from the American administration a switchover to a Nazi-like dictatorship. "The decision to stop the war in Viet-

nam," wrote *Svoboda,* "is yet another example of how democracy with its freedoms and elections not always and not in all circumstances serves the good of the given country, while opening the door wide for demagoguery and destructive work." *Samostiina Ukraina* was of the opinion that Hitler took the only right course when he declared his misanthropic and aggressive plans.

The nationalists, these killers and robbers craving for loot and profit, are urging the American nation to spare no money in helping armament and war preparation programs. The UCCA rulers hailed the abrupt turn to the right exercised by the Carter administration in its foreign political endeavors. In its aggressive character, the nationalists saw "logic" and even "humanism" (which notion they must have interpreted the other way round). On March 19, 1980, *Svoboda* addressed an impassioned, militant appeal to the White House, urging it to "double armament spendings," which actually meant raising them to 300 billion dollars and even higher. On February 28 that same year, *Svoboda* said that a "transfer to war" was "the only way out" for mankind.

Even now the nationalists harbor the belief that the results of WWII can be changed. The tenth UCCA congress passed resolutions unambiguously supporting a revision of European frontiers, primarily with regard to the annexation of some territories currently belonging to the Polish People's Republic. Exactly two weeks after the signing in Helsinki of the Final Act of the 1975 Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the UCCA bosses admitted, with

undisguised regret, that the leaders of the 33 participating countries, also the USA and Canada, "recognized the modern frontiers in Europe as inviolable."

In general, steps against detente, the Helsinki principles and neighborly relations among countries and peoples — hence attacks on the Final Act and other international legal instruments — occupy an important place in the propaganda campaign upheld by the UCCA-oriented periodicals. In August of 1975, they called on the reactionary emigres to "do everything possible to correct or at least to lessen the damage done by the signing of this document," In the years since the Act's endorsement, they have indeed done their best to assert their role as a mouthpiece of forces most loathing peace on earth. The UCCA nationalist sellouts do not conceal their hatred for any peaceful initiatives, no matter where they come from.

They want thermonuclear massacre, the death of "one half of mankind" and a repetition of the Nazi *Drang nach Osten,* although today the motto is in English.

In the summer of 1978, the Philadelphia-based *America* hopefully declared that the most cherished dream of the UCCA leaders was to live to see that day when "through one, possibly outwardly quite insignificant, venture... an end will be put to all kinds of understanding with the Soviet Union."

To this end, especially unsavory are the attempts of some U.S. circles, among them the country's powerful, to use for their ends anti-Soviet testimonies by L. Dobriansky, A. Zvarun and similar characters within the Committee.

As for the validity of these testifiers, it is best left to the reader's discretion. These people have never had anything in common with the Ukraine, nor have they ever been to the Soviet Union. They are apparently concerned with only one thing — by shameless slander and falsification to undermine cultural and other contacts between the American and the Soviet nation and to prevent the Helsinki principles from being translated into life.

The fact that Ukrainian nationalist propaganda is aimed against the principles of detente emphasizes the absurdity of hopes placed in these turncoats by the special commission of the Congress for monitoring Helsinki accords in sovereign countries. Vain are the efforts of separate congressmen to refer to the nationalist emigre warmongers as an "important source of information" when trying to smear the USSR's foreign and domestic policies. Obviously, such nationalist "witnesses" only serve to further compromise their guardians.

It is also generally known that the U.S. delegation to the Madrid meeting of the European Conference thinks nothing of using data provided by the nationalists to prepare its maneuvers against detente. This is another proof that the American envoys came to the Spanish capital to exercise illegitimate control over the participating sovereign countries, to impose on them their recommendations and instructions concerning these countries' foreign and domestic political issues. Another obvious thing is the determination of the American delegates at all costs to distract the conference's attention from the main point — the struggle for peace. Sup-

porting the Ukrainian nationalists — these sworn enemies of the USSR, former Nazi collaborators — means acting counter to the Helsinki accords. The latter stipulate, in part, that the member states will respect each other's right to freely choose and develop political, social, economic and cultural systems, as well as the right to establish their own laws and administrative rules. But open interference in the Soviet internal affairs is precisely what the nationalist enemies of socialism and peace are calling for.

Even now — perhaps at the moment you are reading these lines — the UCCA nationalists are shouting against detente becoming a "domineering principle" in international relations. They called for turning the meeting in Madrid into an arena of confrontation rather than agreement. The reader should be reminded that, after the talks in Belgrade, the UCCA leaders "prophesied" that there would be no meeting in Madrid and urged the West to wretch it anyway.

UCCA acts against deepening the process of detente with special ardor during election campaigns in the United States. In the last presidential elections, the Committee chiefs openly admitted that they weren't concerned about the candidate's party affiliation. To them, the main thing was his being a crack reactionary bent on aggression in the foreign policy and on McCarthyism in the domestic endeavors. They urged the Ukrainian Americans to vote for candidates "negatively treating detente."

SALT-II, signed in Vienna by Soviet President and Communist Party General Secretary

Leonid Brezhnev and U.S. President Jimmy Carter, caused the nationalists to go berserk. The UCCA bosses responded to this balanced document with malicious, rude verbal attacks and their joy knew no bounds when Carter postponed its ratification for what was formulated as an "undetermined period."

Posing as human rights champions, the UCCA leaders cynically gamble on the name of the American people — and pursue goals quite alien to it — when they call on the U.S. administration to expedite the policy of expansion and suppression of national liberation movements. "America naturally assumes the role of the world's gendarme," assert UCCA's "freedom-lovers," parroting the hawks. "One shouldn't feel ashamed of such a name, because such it must be and it is an honorable role for America." Previously, similar declarations were addressed to the Fuhrer of the Third Reich.

Frenzied attacks on democracy are part of the struggle against peace on earth and normal relations among people, waged by reactionary emigre propaganda. The UCCA elite advocates international discord and conducts open racist propaganda. Feeding their rank-and-file colleagues phrases about "patriotism," the Committee's leading racists painstakingly instill in them hatred of Asiatic and African peoples, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans and other national minorities in the USA. At one time, *Svoboda* carried the editorial "Whites Behind the Blacks," demanding that the government severely punish black students campaigning for equal rights with white citizens.

Nationalist publications in America literally

shower their readers with sensational proof of their love for democracy. Quite unmatched in this sense is the Banderite newspaper *Holos Lemkivshchyny,* run by a "solid" constituent organization of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America. Once, it called unrestricted monarchy the most democratic state order, a "blessed system." What was more, it ascribed the Ukrainian people, which had for centuries fought autocracy sholder to shoulder with other oppressed nations of czarist Russia, a desire to "restore the monarchic system." If it is impossible to return to czarism, the UCCA leaders almost unanimously declare on every occasion, then it wouldn't be bad to establish at least a democracy "à la Pinochet" there.

They showed this "love at first sight" for the Chilean dictator soon after the fascist coup, once again proving the truth about birds of a feather. Judge yourself: *Svoboda* wrote about the *putsch* on September 27, 1973, almost three weeks after the event, and there wasn't a word about mass shootings and other horrors of the regime of terror enforced by the Pinochet junta. Instead, the editors later addressed cynical appeals to the American government not to criticize the Chilean dictator "for several dozen prisoners." (October 19, 1978.) *Samostiina Ukraina* called for forbidding the American public to express support for the Chilean political prisoners (nos. 5-6, 1978), and so on.

With a stubbornness worthy of Goebbels's disciples, they pressed the U.S. administration for moves to "stop by force" the struggle of the long-suffering Nicaraguan people against the bloody dictator Somoza. Dobriansky and the

company use every opportunity to give the UN a tongue lashing because this prestigious world body condemns "racists, fascist dictatorships, the modern government of... the Republic of South Africa, Chile..." It is their cherished dream to provoke both "cold" and "hot" wars, to bring about new Vietnams and to liquidate democracy.

Voices from Darkness

When in 1976 the 12th UCCA gathering was in progress at the Americana Hotel in New York, the lights in the hall suddenly went out. The Bandera faction which had already seized the initiative was now completely in control. No wonder; darkness was something the Banderite thugs had long grown accustomed to and it was at night that they had bushwhacked their prey, burst into peaceful homes, slain unobliging anti-Nazi activists, butchered families of Eastern Ukrainians and communists.

Banderites have had the upper hand within UCCA for a number of years. It isn't coincidental that emigres say this Committee "understudies the work of its chief patrons in the liberation front." *Vilnyi Svit* (Free World) in Canada wrote about a conference of the UCCA elite in December of 1979 that its "strategy" had been worked out at the Banderite HQ in Munich "according to all the rules of the military art."

The Ukrainian people will never forget the heinous crimes of Bandera's Nazi collaborators. Their atrocities are painfully alive in the

memory of mothers whose sons they tortured to death. They faithfully helped the Nazis at concentration camps such as Auschwitz, burning prisoners of war, women and children in their furnaces. Will the surviving inmates ever forget them? The Nazis did appreciate their assistance. Thus, they placed M. Klymyshyn, subsequently one of the UCCA hierarchs, in charge of the Auschwitz kitchens in recognition of his "merits" in enforcing the "new order," specifically for his participation in punitive operations. And he gratefully worked at a place where more than four million inmates would die of tortures, hunger and cold. At present, Klymyshyn and his like want to see man corrupted and turned into a ruthless murderer and misanthrope. They strive to poison the minds of young people with immoral and abnormal ideas and raise them as killer robots. UCCA's *Visnyk OOChSU** systematically publishes postulates of the Banderite ideologist Dontsov, his appeals for bringing up the younger generation so it "strives to bend to its will the resisting will of other people..., to give orders to others and make them oblige." Naturally, this is precisely why the UCCA leadership likes so much Bandera's words about the necessity to prepare the younger generation, first and foremost, "for war, despite all the horrors, ordeals and devastation it will bring along."

Under Bandera's adherents, UCCA has become a center for the propaganda of cruelty and misanthropy, which is regarded as a perfectly normal, routine phenomenon. Their idea of an

* Ukr. abbr. for the Organization for the Defense of Four Freedoms of the Ukarine.

exemplary individual into which shape they try to mold their younger counterparts is a "knight" of garrote and knife, a professional killer and sadist. Publications by nationalist apologists in the USA are a sickening demonstration of their political and moral agony.

M. Danilyuk, a rather well-known figure in the Ukrainian American nationalist community, wrote that "UCCA has become a sports field and the very establishment is that ball which is carefully aimed and sent into the opponent's net to 'score a goal.' The game presently entered a period of crisis and the organization fell into the hands of a political group, together with its bunch of timeservers of whom there has always been enough and to spare and who prefer to stick to the stronger side, forming in their entirety what I would rather describe as a reactionary midst."

Hard as the UCCA chiefs try to mask under empty phraseology about the Committee's "public character" and "extensive support" allegedly provided by the emigre masses, they are unable to hide the truth. "What we have in UCCA today is a system of dictatorship," admits R. Ilnytsky, one of the nationalist elite. Both the Committee leaders and the "delegates" to its congresses, he adds, are elected by a small group of people. Often, he further concedes, "departments and presidiums call themselves delegates to congresses."

The preparation and holding of the last UCCA congress were especially antidemocratic. Even such Nazi toady as Anton Drahan (alias of Andriy Lutsiv) had to admit as much. One week prior to the nationalist gathering, he

wrote in *Svoboda;* "In the meantime, we... won't find a parallel in the 40-year history of UCCA and that of its forerunners when congresses were prepared as amazingly secretly as this 13th Congress."

In fact, the Banderites started preparations long in advance and with particular care, determined to ensure the congress's complete success even before it started. Leading bodies in local UCCA branches were gradually cleared of nationalists whose views betrayed even the slightest bend to the left of the Banderite tenets (any rightist inclinations were simply nonexistent). Fake clubs and homes were set up to send their "delegates" — of course, members of the Bandera faction. The ill-famed OUN-Bandera Nazi collaborator Ya. Stetzko, according to *The New Pathway* of the Melnyk camp (November 1,1980), ordered the Banderite mafiosi in the USA to gain monopoly of all key positions in the nationalist groups. As to the Committee, the explicit instruction was to "storm" it and turn it into OOChSU's vassal or branch.

The following incident was also characteristic of the preparation campaign for the 13th UCCA congress. On January 14, 1980, *Vilnyi Svit* wrote that, for reasons best known to the UCCA rulers, the latter "forgot" to invite some of their number to what was described as an "illegal" meeting of the so-called Provincial Council of UCCA, held on December 15, 1979. Those who weren't invited represented the few UCCA members who didn't belong to the Bandera camp. Thus chances of the Banderite mafiosi for a "decisive advantage" during elections became apparent.

Machinations of the Banderites were absolutely undisguised and they openly "blackmailed and bullied" their competitors who had no choice other than to keep mum. *The New Pathway,* for example, noted that a UCCA branch in California, composed of 6 members, sent 8 "delegates" to the congress. Naturally, all of them were Banderites. Such is democracy as understood by UCCA. So when the representatives of some two dozen organizations walked out of the hall "as a sign of protest," the Bandera faction wasn't too worried, since the "physical majority" of the delegates remained. Besides, the walkout was exactly what the Banderite leaders had been after; now the rivals were done with.

It could also be added that it wasn't during the latest congress that UCCA became an appendix of the Bandera camp. It had been one for a long time. The fact is mentioned in the Ukrainian edition of this booklet. Now, however, it became obvious to all those who still believed UCCA to be a "representation of Ukrainian Americans" and a "public organization." The 13th UCCA congress elected 26 persons to its executive body, most of whom were affiliated to the Bandera racket. All the three days' sittings were presided over by B. Futej, a protege of Stetzko and Bilynsky. In the words of one of the nationalists "offended" by the results of that gathering, he "grabbed the reins and held them in a vicelike grip," not letting the slightest deviation from the scenario written by the Banderites.

As regarded the so-called "opposition," here is what I. Kedrin, one of the nationalist hie-

rarchs, had to say about it after the congress; "Ideologically, there is no difference among that dozen or so of party 'midsts'... and there is no question of ideological divergencies."

The UCCA leaders view the mass of Ukrainian Americans as plebeians constituting the foundation upon which rests the elite. This is especially conspicuous in the problem of cultural exchanges with the Soviet Ukraine in which UCCA "followed the line of one political group (i.e., the Bandera faction — **Ye. Sh.**), ruling out the very possibility of considering different opinions on this matter," admitted a reader of *Svoboda*.

The Banderite mob sows the seeds of discord among Ukrainians living abroad, blackmails and intimidates them. It is under its tight control that UCCA definitely opposes cultural exchanges between nations. This gave *America* reason enough to conclude with satisfaction that "WCFU and UCCA have long taken an open stand with regard to cultural exchanges with the Ukrainian SSR, condemning them as unhealthy."

On February 2, 1980, *Svoboda* wrote that the so-called "principles of UCCA policy" forbid Ukrainian Americans to "establish contacts with any cultural delegations from the socialist countries"; should a UCCA member or its constituent organization "enter any contacts" with Soviet citizens or be unable to avoid such a contact, due to circumstances, or still "have difficulty avoiding such 'cultural contacts,'" this member "must immediately withdraw from UCCA." If this isn't done, such a member "will be expelled by the executive body."

It isn't Ukrainian national traditions but politicking, not the Ukrainian language but ideological brainwashing, not Ukrainian songs but boisterous anti-Soviet campaigning, not culture but empty phraseology that constitutes the main principles of UCCA activity.

The Committee's system of "total fear," threats and even physical reprisals over dissenters made this organization a closed pro-Nazi-type grouping. This fact cannot be hidden by declarations about UCCA's "mass character." A nationalist periodical pointed out that doctors, schoolteachers and engineers among the Committee members are "more than likely decorative figures" who are reduced to the role of a "propaganda trump that has no effect on the doings of characters like Dobriansky, Lesawyer, Kharyna, Bilynsky and Mazur."

Banderites keep the whole of UCCA under control and most of the Committee publications stick to ultra-right positions best represented by Stetzko. Take *America* for example. Behind this newspaper's front, wrote *Ukrainske Zhyttia* (Ukrainian Life) on June 1, 1979, "are represented those forces that pull the strings, making the puppets wave their hands and feet." "More attention," this biweekly further noted, "is paid [by *America*] to the ABN apostles and prophets of the liberation front and all the time it suppresses dissenters among our emigration."

At the period, *America* was headed by I. Bilynsky. He is one of the UCCA higher-ups of whom emigres say that they are a "dynasty that hates to leave its armchairs." It was under his supervision that nationalist periodicals such as *Svoboda, America* and *Kvartalnyk* turned into

"orchestras of which Mussolini was proud." Perhaps his most significant accomplishment Bilynsky sees in the fact that the leading bodies of UCCA and OOChSU "are composed of the same persons." On May 18-25, 1975, *Ukrainski Visti* in West Germany noted with irony; "And so this cooperation is ideal. The contacts couldn't be tighter!"

He likes his role of a "quiet clerk" and doesn't take special fancy to seeing his name in newspapers. In a word, he acts like a typical mafioso. Bilynsky actually does have a few things to hide from public view. Born in Lviv Region, he was closely associated with the Nazis until 1945 and carried out assignments entrusted him by the Nazi agent Stephen Bandera. Among his present duties is control over "internal democracy" within UCCA, which means Bilynsky must see that everything is done there the Banderite way.

His role was markedly vivid during the 13th UCCA congress. Most of his "delegates" demanded that UCCA vice-presidents be still chosen from among nationalists at the head of the so-called insurance unions who would take turns occupying the post throughout the year. Bilynsky, however, would have none of this. What was more, he himself wanted to become the "first" — and the only, for that matter — UCCA vice-president. And so he did.

After the congress, remarks made about the Committee hierarchs became even more caustic. *The New Pathway* summed them up when it wrote on November 1, 1980, that there is peculiar human species in our society, marked by specific genetic and biological abnormalities.

To these people, the generally accepted dictates of morals, ethics and legality are not binding. All this was conspicuously present during the 13th UCCA congress.

The congress was attended by "those same 'indispensable popular figures,'" and prevalent there was "that some boring atmosphere..." The assembly went "according to plan" that had been drawn up by the "liberation front..." "These people must be from some different world" is what one thinks reading the accounts of UCCA meetings...

The esteemed critics ought to have thought twice before saying that the last UCCA congress was "distinguished" by the number of squabbles and their severity. Otherwise, everything took the usual, traditionally nationalist course. As had been the case with all the previous gatherings, not a word was spoken during the 13th UCCA congress about the actual needs of the Ukrainian American ethnic group. Instead, there were the usual appeals for "disintegrating" the Soviet Union, for war, for campaigning against cultural exchanges; there was slander about the Soviet people and hatred of the American working masses. All was arranged in the spirit of OUN's habitual craving for dictatorship. "The preparation of the congress and the style of holding it were agreed upon, devised and dramatized in advance and by no means reflected the real condition of the Ukrainian community in the USA and its just aspirations," concluded one of the Melnyk adherents who hadn't been invited to attend. The provocative speeches at the congress of President Carter's National Security Advisor Brze-

zinski and Alexander Haig, former Commander in Chief of the NATO Forces, currently U.S. Secretary of State, only stressed it anticommunist, antipopular character and demonstrated the absence of discussion of problems having anything to do with the interests of Ukrainian Americans.

UCCA, therefore, is completely in the hands of the right extremist, pro-Nazi Bandera faction representing the most reactionary trend in Ukrainian nationalism and marked by outspoken hostility toward the working people of all countries and toward peace and democracy.

Fishing in Troubled Waters

They say in the Ukraine that a lie is like a chunk of smoldering charcoal: if it doesn't burn your fingers, it makes them dirty. The more falsehood an information item contains, the easier it is to make people believe it — such is the principle of nationalist propaganda. It doesn't say a word of truth about life in the Soviet Ukraine. "...Arguments about fair play, morals or international law can only have secondary importance and influence," wrote *Svoboda* on February 26, 1980, thus offering a kind of "self-characteristic" of nationalist propaganda.

Misinformation is its favorite technique. Inherent in the nationalist publications in the USA is slander about the USSR which they stubbornly repeat in different forms. This compelled even such brazen anti-Sovietologist and former employee of *Radio Liberty* as M. Dob-

riansky to declare, "...lies have never before spread in our communal life so insolently, generally and with such impunity as they do now in our emigration."

One of the ways in which the nationalist propaganda network shows its "orientation" is the method of "arithmetic progression." Say, the *Ukrainian Quarterly* writes that 200 persons attended some anti-Soviet gathering. The editor of another nationalist periodical adds a zero and the audience grows to 2,000. Another touch of an editor's pen and the "2" becomes "8". Eight thousand already implies mass representation!

Here is one example of such editing. In the summer of 1979, the nationalist press informed about a joint Ukrainian American and Canadian gathering in Ellenville (USA). Certain periodicals wrote that 4,000 persons had attended. *Svoboda* increased the number to 8,000 and the sharp eye of *America's* editor I. Bilynsky detected as many as 10,000 people present. Perhaps in a year or two a couple more zeroes will be added? And not write that the gathering was, in fact, a huge manifestation involving one million Ukrainians living in the United States and Canada? Someone might just believe it, although in reality the audience didn't even reach the initially mentioned four thousand.

Losing the ground on which to sow their doctrines, nationalist propaganda increasingly often conceals its actual goals and methods. A very typical example is its campaign against alleged violations of human rights in the Soviet Union. Those who had once served Mussolini and Hitler, who continue to support openly

fascist regimes and who demand from U.S. authorities legalization of total spying on citizens and of race discrimination today strive to act as champions of human rights and freedoms. Is this not camouflage, done with the help of provocative lies and slander aimed against socialism? The reactionary emigre forces applied a similar tactic when commenting on the discussion in the Soviet Union of the draft new constitution, which practically involved the entire adult population. Periodicals run by organizations affiliated to UCCA either kept silent about it or wrote that Soviet people had been "forbidden" to express their opinions about the constitutional text.

In order to cast aspersions on Soviet democracy, the nationalists try to use separate criminal cases, including those involving Soviet citizens convicted in accordance with the law for antigovernment activities. Often, they bring up cases of plain hooliganism and disturbances of public order. The key method applied consists of presenting wished for things as facts. Thus an ignoramus may be described as a genius, an egocentric graphomaniac as a talented man of letters, a street tough as a noted sportsman and a loud-mouthed demagogue as a mouthpiece of public thought.

America in Philadelphia does it this way. A passage is borrowed from the Soviet press. It is then duly worked upon and another piece of nationalist propaganda is ready. Here is, for instance, how its editors "quoted" — with appropriate comments — from the reportage "The Openwork Bridges of Friendship," carried by the *Literaturna Ukraina* (Literary Ukraine)

newspaper, about the celebration of the Days of Literature and Art of Soviet Azerbaijan in the Ukraine.

America's version reads; "Having got carried away describing these Days, *Literaturna Ukraina* suddenly just couldn't help it..." And the "quotation"; "Works by many Soviet writers such as T. Shevchenko, I. Franko, M. Kotsyubynsky, V. Stefanyk were translated into Azerbaijani." After that, the editors try to be ironic; "It would be interesting to know when the aforementioned authors were accepted as members of the Writers' Union of the Ukraine."

Now let us look up *Literaturna Ukraina* of October 3, 1978. The passage "quoted" above actually has it; "The friendship and joint creative endeavors of the Ukrainian and the Azerbaijani people have innumerable and profoundly interlinked facets. One of them is the fact that Taras Shevchenko, Ivan Franko, Lesya Ukrainka, Mikhailo Kotsyubynsky, Panas Myrny, Vasyl Stefanyk and many of our prominent Soviet Ukrainian writers have started to speak to the Azerbaijani reader in his mother tongue."

Of course, there is the possibility that the editors of *America* have a poor command of the Ukrainian language and may not always grasp the meaning of Soviet Ukrainian journalists, but even so "politicking" at such an intellectual level can only be justified if done by people totally denied the sense of reality, responsibility or elementary honesty.

Hushing up is the technique the nationalist media applies in cases when even the slightest mention of this or that step taken by the Soviet government can deliver a blow to the nationa-

list camp. Such was, for example, the case with the signing of the Helsinki Final Act. Not a single line about the event has ever appeared in the nationalist press. As for dirty, slanderous comments about the document, they are still there and there seems no end to them.

Likewise, the nationalist media has never acknowledged the fact that the initiative of talks aimed at banning, universally and completely, nuclear, radiological and other weapon tests belongs to the USSR. Neither will the reader of the reactionary emigre periodicals ever find any mention of the Soviet appeals for stopping the production of nuclear armaments and for limiting and gradually liquidating their stocks.

But even if circumstances do not allow silence on the given Soviet initiative, the stereotype thesis about some "unilateral benefit" Russia will supposedly get from such an initative is applied (in fact, this is exactly what is being said of the Soviet universal peace project).

Be as it may, nationalist propaganda has never succeeded in fooling the bulk of the Ukrainian American community into believing all the fabricated facts, slander and plain lies about the Soviet Union and its efforts along the above lines. Thousands of American citizens annually visit the USSR. They want to see for themselves the way people live in that country, people who unanimously and most actively support the peaceful foreign and the profoundly democratic domestic policy of the Soviet Communist Party and the government that are geared to promote detente and peace. They want to see the country whose entire grownup population signed the new Stockholm Appeal urging an end to the

arms race and calling for steps to preserve peace all over the planet. They want to have a better idea of the Soviet nation whose Constitution bans war propaganda.

By telling the truth about the way of life of the working masses in the Soviet Ukraine, Ukrainian American tourists make a valuable contribution to exposing the lies of UCCA's official and semiofficial organs and the provocative politicking of the Committee leaders which is based on slander, falsification and distortion of everything commonly recognized as gains of progress.

UCCA: Grim Prospects

The New Pathway of the reactionary Melnyk faction came out with an editorial on November 15, 1980, in connection with the events that had taken place during the 13th UCCA congress. Both consolidation and democratization (of which none has ever been true of the nationalists — **Ye. Sh.**]), it wrote, appear to be wretched... and UCCA turns out to have become yet another tool in the hands of the liberation front (i.e., Banderite — **Ye. Sh.**) politicos, thus being deprived of all meaning as a provincial governing body...

Such was the end of the many years of feud within the nationalist camp. The results are indeed quite objective!

The antipopular, traitorous and criminal activity of the UCCA hierarchs serves to make the Committee's fiasco even faster in coming. Even

now, points out the nationalist bulletin *Nash Holos* (Our Voice) in the USA, the anti-Soviet groupings "are rolling to the edge of the precipice at a threatening speed." The Chicago *Ukrainske Zhyttia* admitted a deep-going conflict between most Ukrainians living abroad and the rulers of anti-Soviet groups, and noted that only a handful of people born in the Ukraine were members of the nationalist centers in the United States and other countries with Ukrainian communities.

Periodicals run by organizations that used to be part of UCCA until the 13th congress or are still affiliated agree that the slighting attitude of Ukrainian Americans to "liberation" politicking is, to an extent, the result of the effects of detente, the growing international prestige of the Soviet Ukraine and the spreading of truth about the Soviet way of life overseas.

Most Ukrainian Americans feel rightfully disgusted about the anti-democratic and Nazi-terroristic past of the UCCA elite, many of whom are war criminals, Nazi collaborators and professional killers. Not so long ago, *Svoboda* painted a typical UCCA nationalist portrait when it published the story of its regular subscriber under the alias of Iker about the visit of a Ukrainian Polish mother and two children with her relatives in the United States. Her brother, a Ukrainian American nationalist, turned on the television once. There was a western on and cowboys were shooting. What happened next is best described if quoted from *Svoboda:*

" 'Banderites! Banderites!' Both kids of the Polish woman started shouting, pointing their

fingers at the cowboys. My friend's sister who witnessed the scene felt terribly embarrassed... The poor woman even went pale! She took her brother by the hand and, tears in her eyes, began to apologize, first for her children and then for herself and her husband, saying she was sorry her family was so poorly aware of its heritage." (And well might say so, knowing only too well what the OUNites could do for what her children had just said!)

"'It's all right, sister,' her brother soothed her. 'If your neighbors in those annexed lands haven't as yet forgotten about the Banderites and even threaten their — and your — children with them, one might say that's the best compliment for us...'"

The world changes as new generations grow and it is increasingly difficult for the UCCA leadership to poison the minds of young Ukrainian Americans with the malignant nationalist doctrine. One of the appeals of the UCCA branch in Washington had these desperate words in the spring of 1977; "An entire new generation has grown in the past 25 years. But where are our young people? They are escaping or have already escaped from Washington, either physically or spiritually, for they cannot breathe in this poisoned atmosphere..."

Alarmed by the indifference — and, in some cases, even hatred — of the younger generation toward the endeavors of the Committee instigators, *America* complained on October 14, 1978; "...our young people turn into Marxists who shout against nationalism and call their patriotic fathers Nazis."

Pathological hatred of people and campaigns

of slander, raised by the nationalists to the level of morals and politics, as well as their racism behind big talk about patriotism can only make the sober-minded turn away in disgust.

By its every step, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America proves that it is a worthy successor of its pro-Nazi forerunner — the United Ukrainian Organizations. The latter's end is generally known. The former's promises to be as ignominious.

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